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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

This Amendment is being submitted for filing with the initial filing of this application in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims prior to fee computation. Kindly amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 7, 9 and 12-17 and add claims 19 and 20, as follows. The amended claims are given below without any editorial marking. In an Attachment to this Amendment, the same amended claims are given, with additions and deletions

marked.

3. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1, wherein said client-occupiable private territory for each client is a defined space.

7. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1, wherein each client issued an ID gains access through said client accessible computer in said shop to said client-specific data storage area only for the client provided in said server of said data management center.

9. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1, wherein data on an operating environment produced when each client issued an ID operates said client accessible computer in said shop, is transferred into and stored on said client-specific data storage area only for the client provided in said server of said data management center, and the stored data is transferred into and written on a selected one of said client accessible computers provided in a selected one of said shops as required to reproduce the same operating environment as that used last time by the client.

12. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1, further comprising means for allowing an operator of said shop or a manager of said data management center to access said client-specific data storage area only for a client in said server of said data management center by the client's permission for storing a new document and/or a new image, for editing and processing a document and/or an image

stored therein, or for printing a document and/or an image from said printed-output means provided in each of said shops.

13. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1, wherein said client accessible computer does not have a specific operating system and a specific application program, and receives transfer of an operating system and an application program from a program server connected to said in-shop LAN as required and executes the writing of the transferred operating system and application program.

14. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1, wherein said client accessible computer does not have a specific operating system and a specific application program, and receives transfer of an operating system and an application program from a program server provided in said data management center as required and executes the writing of the transferred operating system and application program.

15. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 13, wherein a new operating system and a new application program are written on said client accessible computer in each use of each client, and data on the written operating system and application program is erased from the client accessible computer after the use of the client.

16. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 14, wherein an arbitrary operating system and an arbitrary application program to be written

are selected by an instruction of a client, and the same operating system and the same application program as those used when a client issued an ID operated said client accessible computer in said shop last time, are automatically selected in reference with a specification table of said client-specific data storage area for the client.

17. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1, wherein said in-shop LAN is connected to a cache server for said client accessible computers for receiving transfer of data from said server of said data management center and accumulating the data.

19. (New) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 14, wherein a new operating system and a new application program are written on said client accessible computer in each use of each client, and data on the written operating system and application program is erased from the client accessible computer after the use of the client.

20. (New) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 15, wherein an arbitrary operating system and an arbitrary application program to be written are selected by an instruction of a client, and the same operating system and the same application program as those used when a client issued an ID operated said client accessible computer in said shop last time, are automatically selected in reference with a specification table of said client-specific data storage area for the client.

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed to eliminate multiple dependent claims prior to computation of filing fees. The fee has been calculated based on the claims as amended by this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT: Amendments to claims with additions and deletions marked.

3. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein said client-occupiable private territory for each client is a defined space.

7. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to [any one of claims1 to 6] claim 1, wherein each client issued an ID gains access through said client accessible computer in said shop to said client-specific data storage area only for the client provided in said server of said data management center.

9. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, wherein data on an operating environment produced when each client issued an ID operates said client accessible computer in said shop, is transferred into and stored on said client-specific data storage area only for the client provided in said server of said data management center, and the stored data is transferred into and written on a selected one of said client accessible computers provided in a selected one of said shops as required to reproduce the same operating environment as that used last time by the client.

12. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to [any one of] claim 1 [to claim 11], further comprising means for allowing an operator of said shop or

a manager of said data management center to access said client-specific data storage area only for a client in said server of said data management center by the client's permission for storing a new document and/or a new image, for editing and processing a document and/or an image stored therein, or for printing a document and/or an image from said printed-output means provided in each of said shops.

13. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to [any one of] claim 1 [to claim 12], wherein said client accessible computer does not have a specific operating system and a specific application program, and receives transfer of an operating system and an application program from a program server connected to said in-shop LAN as required and executes the writing of the transferred operating system and application program.

14. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to [any one of] claim 1 [to claim 13], wherein said client accessible computer does not have a specific operating system and a specific application program, and receives transfer of an operating system and an application program from a program server provided in said data management center as required and executes the writing of the transferred operating system and application program.

15. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 13 [or claim 14], wherein a new operating system and a new application program are written on said client accessible computer in each use of each client, and data on the written operating system and application program is erased from the client accessible computer after the use of the client.

16. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to claim 14 [or claim 15], wherein an arbitrary operating system and an arbitrary application program to be written are selected by an instruction of a client, and the same operating system and the same application program as those used when a client issued an ID operated said client accessible computer in said shop last time, are automatically selected in reference with a specification table of said client-specific data storage area for the client.

17. (Amended) The shop including the multi-facility according to [any one of] claim 1 [to claim 16], wherein said in-shop LAN is connected to a cache server for said client accessible computers for receiving transfer of data from said server of said data management center and accumulating the data.